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SUBJECT: PRAVDA HAS POSITIVE COMMENTARY ON COSMOS 954

1. PRAVDA JAN. 28 CARRIED A COMMENTATOR'S COLUMN DEVOTED TO THE COSMOS 954 NUCLEAR-POWERED SATELLITE IN WHICH THE ENTIRE EPISODE WAS TREATED IN MOST POSITIVE MANNER POSSIBLE AS AN EXAMPLE OF DETENTE IN ACTION. THERE WAS ONLY A SINGLE CARPING REMARK AT THE END ON THE ATTEMPT BY CERTAIN NEWS MEDIA IN THE WEST TO SEIZE ON THE INCIDENT TO INCITE MISTRUST AND FEAR. (UNFORTUNATELY, THE AP-MOSCOW REPORTING ON THE COMMENTARY CHOSE THIS SECONDARY POINT AT THE LEAD IN ITS STORY.)

2. THE AUTHOR, VLADIMIR GUBARYEV WROTE GLOWINGLY OF THE ROLE OF THE PEACEFUL USE OF ATOMIC ENERGY IN SPACE PROGRAMS. HE NAMED THE U.S. AS WELL AS THE USSR AS USERS OF ON-BOARD ATOMIC GENERATORS AND RECALLED THE APOLLO 13 SPACE FLIGHT AND A 1964 "TRANSIT" WHICH HAD SUCH APPARATUSES ON BOARD AND REENTERED THE ATMOSPHERE
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WITHOUT HARM. GUBARYEV ASSERTED THAT BOTH THE U.S. AND THE SOVIET UNION CONSTRUCT SUCH SATELLITES IN SUCH A WAY AS TO AVOID ANY "CATASTROPHES" AND WENT ON TO QUOTE PRESIDENTIAL ADVISOR BRZEZINSKI ON THE UNIQUENESS OF THE INCIDENT, THAT THE U.S. CONSIDERS THAT "THERE IS NO DANGER", AND THAT THE AFFAIR DEMONSTRATED COOPERATION AMONG THE U.S.,

SOVIET AND OTHER INTERESTED GOVERNMENTS (CANADA
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